

REMARKS

Applicants have amended their claims in order to facilitate proceedings in connection with the above-identified application, so as to achieve earliest possible issuance of a U.S. patent based thereon. Specifically, Applicants are canceling claims 10 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

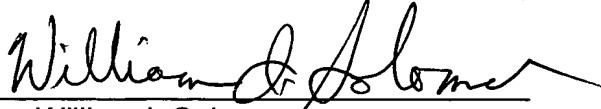
The Examiner is thanked for the indicated allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-9, set forth in Item 3 on page 3 of the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005. By the present amendments, the sole claims rejected in the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, claims 10 and 12, are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the prior art rejection of claims 10 and 12, set forth in Item 2 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, is moot herein.

Applicants note the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement. Consideration of documents cited therein, upon further examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments, all claims remaining in the application stand allowed. Accordingly, passing of the above-identified application to issue, after consideration of the documents submitted in the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement, is respectfully requested.

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